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Invention: Conveyor Belt Alignment )  
System )  
Serial No.: 10/686,838 )  
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**APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO  
FIRST OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 17, 2004**

Sir:

**A. FEE CALCULATION**

No Additional Fees Due. Upon entry of the below amendment, the total number claims will be 20 or less, and the number of independent claims will be 3 or less.

**B. AMENDMENT OF APPLICATION**

Responsive to the Official Action mailed May 17, 2004, please amend the application as follows: